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**FY 08- 09 Annual Report**  
**Los Angeles County Municipal Storm Water Permit (Order 01-182)**  
**Individual 2008-2009 Annual Report Form - City of Hawaiian Gardens**

**Assessment of Program Effectiveness**

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**A. Program Effectiveness Summary**

1. An assessment of your agency's compliance with permit requirements, based on your responses to the questions in this form.

The City of Hawaiian Gardens has complied to the best extent possible with all permit requirements.

2. Descriptions of any evaluation methods that your agency uses to determine the effectiveness of your storm water management program;

Currently the City has several methods of evaluating its general program. First, the City looks at the number and types of illicit discharges and/or connections discovered as a general indication of stormwater effectiveness. Second, the City considers the number of Best Management Practice Brochures distributed as an indicator of the number of impressions made. The City believes that the outreach/education brochures are well received by residents and increasing public awareness will increase overall storm water program effectiveness.

3. A summary of the strengths and weaknesses of your agency's storm water management program;

The City is committed to implementing the storm water programs and has contracted outside resources to assist in further program development. However, as with similarly situated cities, the City of Hawaiian Gardens has only limited financial resources to fund, manage, and heighten its stormwater programs. These programs compete with other environmental programs, solid waste and sanitary sewer regulations, as well as with other general fund public health and welfare programs. The City has only limited resources and time to explore additional sources of funding that could potentially assist in improving its municipal stormwater program.

4. A list of specific program highlights and accomplishments;

The City continues to implement all MS4 NPDES permit program requirements. The City has installed and updated its computer building, planning, and inspection database. Public education and outreach materials for various BMP categories have been translated into Spanish and provided at various locations in City Hall. The City, as part of the SSO-SSMP program, has initiated additional staff training in stormwater and its relationship to sewer system management. The City aspires to increase the environmental awareness of staff and the community through providing an understanding of the storm drain, sewer systems and sources of pollution.

5. A description of water quality improvements or degradation in your watershed over the past fiscal year.



The City knows of no water quality improvements or degradation that has affected the San Gabriel River within the past fiscal year.

6. Interagency coordination between cities to improve the storm water management program;

The City is working cooperatively within the San Gabriel River Watershed to address pollutants of concern. Additionally, through consultant services, the City receives occasional updates on other local and regional stormwater management committees.

7. Future plans to improve your agency's storm water management program;

The City is working to develop a stormwater webpage on the City's current website. Additionally, the City has allocated additional funding for sampling and monitoring programs; increased inspections; and additional public outreach.

8. Suggestions to improve the effectiveness of your program or the County model programs.

The City contracted with an outside service provider to enhance the City's compliance efforts and will be evaluating ways to improve program effectiveness.

#### **B. Self Assessment**

The City is making every effort to fully implement the requirements of the Los Angeles County MS4 permit, however, resources are limited. Therefore the City rates our current program as a 7.

#### **C. Suggestions for Improving Program Reporting and Assessment**

The City has no additional suggestion for improving program reporting and assessment at this time.